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Report Highlights:

Burma exported 153,963 metric tons (MT) of beans and pulses in September, an increase of 119 percent from the same period in 2010, with 72 percent going to India or 110,342 MT, followed by Singapore with 17 percent or 25,820 MT, and China six percent or 9,243 MT. Additionally, 37 percent of the total mung bean exports or 8,129 MT were traded with China through border trade.

General Information:
Trade

Burma's beans and pulses exports in September, 2011 totaled 153,963 MT, up 119 percent from 70,381 MT in September 2010. Most of the shipments were destined to India followed by Singapore and China. Matpe (black gram) accounted for 57 percent of the total exports followed by toor whole 21 percent, and mung bean 14 percent. India and Singapore were the largest buyers accounting for 110,342 MT or 72 percent and 25,820MT or 17 percent of total exports, respectively. Additionally, 37 percent of the total mung bean exports or 8,129 MT were traded with China through border trade.

Table 1. Beans and Pulses Exports by Types and Destination in September, 2011 (MT)

Country	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor	Whole	Other	Total
India		70,056	8085		25,785	6,416	110,342
Singapore	231	12,576	3,140		6,612	3,261	25,820
China	136	699	8,408			0	9,243
Thailand		1,072	448		188	316	2,024
Malaysia	24	806	545		15	285	1,675
UAE		697	96			144	937
Vietnam		698	96			0	794
Philippines	165		357			210	732
Indonesia	24	12	433		120	93	682
Japan	21	401				144	566
Korea	63					291	354
Turaki						264	264
Pakistan					123	72	195
Switzerland			99			0	99
Siralanka		96				0	96
Chad						45	45
Cartar					25	0	25
American		24				0	24
Saudi Arabia			24			0	24
Israel						22	22
Total	664	87,137	21,731		32,868	11,563	153,963

Table 2. Monthly Export of Pulses and Beans for 2010-2011.

Months	2010		2011	
	Monthly	Cumulative Total	Monthly	Cumulative Total
January	64,576	64,576	81,145	81,145
February	125,428	190,004	87,418	168,563
March	133,315	323,319	87,129	255,692
April	57,379	380,698	81,307	336,999
May	69,025	449,723	156,987	493,986

June	79,447	529,170	151,929	645,915
July	72,910	602,080	198,514	844,429
August	72,791	674,871	152,261	996,690
September	70,381	745,252	153,963	1,150,653
October	63,587	808,839		
November	46,277	855,116		
December	117,453	972,569		
Total	972,569		1,150,653	

Average exchange rate in August: one US\$= Kyat 796

Export prospects

The trading environment has been looking up for exporters as the kyat reversed its upward trend against the dollar, as it decreased in value by 12 percent, from ks 712/dollar in August to ks 796/dollar in September. In addition, the government reduced the export tax to 2 percent from 10 percent since July, 2011.

Year to date exports of beans and pulses increased 54 percent from 745,252 MT in 2010 to 1,150,653 MT in 2011 and 18 percent overall increase from last year's exports. The outlook for annual exports for 2011 was forecasted at 1 million MT, however production and border trade with China remain strong, and exporters are unwilling to hold on to new stocks due to a strong kyat, as such Post has revised exports upwards to 1.3 MMT.

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